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So the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for rollcall vote 384 on House Concurrent Resolution 464. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, due to numerous September 11th memorial services taking place in my district in New York today, honoring my 60 constituents who lost their lives in last year's tragedy, I will be unable to make it back to the Capitol in time to vote on H. Con. Res. 464. If present, I would vote "yea."

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 384, I was absent due to attending memorial events relating to 9–11. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 384, I was absent due to attending and speaking at 9–11 events. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO-VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5193, BACK TO SCHOOL TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2002

Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-654) on the resolution (H. Res. 521) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5193) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to certain taxpayers for elementary and secondary education expenses, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMEND-MENTS TO H.R. 1701, CONSUMER RENTAL PURCHASE AGREEMENT ACT

(Mr. REYNOLDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of September 16 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 1701, the Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol by 12 noon on Tuesday, September 17. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on the Judiciary.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILCHREST). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TAKE COURAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today is a very, very important day in America's history. It is the 1-year anniversary of the attack on America. I was handed something by one of my young staffers who has joined my office. He was formerly a page or intern in our office, and he has come back to work fulltime, Parker Altman from Belle Glade, Florida, a community in my district. When he handed me this, I felt compelled to bring it to the floor to read it in its entirety because it sums up. I think, a courageous view point of a young person; and it speaks to what is in the hearts and minds of many young people who work in the Capitol, who are young, energetic, intelligent people who have come from around the country to be part of this great government.

It begins, "I woke up this morning just like any other day. Got ready for work and headed out. I had to leave a little early to beat the expected traffic around the Pentagon which is a transfer point on my daily commute. Regardless of my early departure, my wife insisted on getting up as well to make my lunch as she normally does. I told her not to worry about it, that I would get lunch at work, but she shook off her tiredness and strode into the kitchen. After putting my lunch in my briefcase, we hugged our usual goodbye, something was different. The hug turned into an embrace and I began to feel her shaking in my arms. 'Be careful,' she whispered, as her eyes welled up with tears.

"I arrived at the office about an hour early. I quickly settled into my morn-

ing routine of sorting the mail and answering letters. Absentmindedly I printed, folded, and stuffed. The rest of the staff began to trickle in and the office took on its typical tone. Televisions were turned on and a more subdued demeanor settled over us.

"I had assured Carrie when I left home this morning that I would be fine and would keep in contact with her throughout the day. I took on a brave face to settle her nerves, or so I thought. I realize now while I sit here in our Nation's Capitol that the impression of my courage that I summoned at home was not only to calm Carrie, but to quiet my own apprehensions. I sit here in my office at the footsteps of the Capitol building, the intended target of last year's Flight 93, with numerous memorials and services going on throughout the city. I sit here at my desk, wavering from the painful emotions dating back to this very morning 1 year ago to the pride and the response and resolve that united our Nation and back again, yet all masked by an outer appearance of courageous numbness. Pausing a bit to find these words, I realized that I sit here scared.

"This is not a bad thing. In my young opinion, I think fear can be a positive force if understood properly and not allowed to overcome all other emotions. I am scared. Scared but not crippled by the fear. I try not to dwell on the whatifs, not to think about how I would handle a devastating situation like last year. I try, but the thoughts invariably sneak in. I like to think that fear has not defeated me. Today, like yesterday, I commuted into work, passing through the very site that was struck last year. Today, like yesterday, I sit at my desk in my office at the footsteps of the Capitol building, the very symbol of democracy that our enemies hate. Today, like yesterday, I remember the images flashing across the screen, and I feel a twisting in my gut from the raw emotions of these events. Today, like yesterday, I am scared. Scared but not crippled because I know that regardless of what happens today or tomorrow or the days beyond, my family and friends know that I love them. I know that despite the evils in the world that work to frighten us, there is a God that overpowers all. I know that because of this divine good. I should no longer be afraid of the evil. Senate Chaplain Lloyd John Ogilvie said it best in New York City last autumn. When faced with our inevitable fears, Dr. Ogilvie reminded us that because of His presence we should, 'take courage, it's yours, you know.'

"This is my prayer for you as this day progresses and as we face the uncertainties of tomorrow. It is, 'Take courage, it's yours, you know.'

That was by Parker Altman, my staff member. I mentioned he is from Belle Glade. It sums up the thoughts and emotions of many of the fine young people here today. They did come to work, despite the fears and alerts, Democrats, Republicans and Independents from around this great country of